

Facts About the Seamless Summer Food Waiver

It's now easier for schools to feed hungry kids in the summer time (or off-track schedules)! School districts can apply to operate the Seamless Summer Food Waiver through FY 2004.

The Seamless Summer Food Waiver combines features of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) with reduced paperwork.

State agencies apply for school districts; FNS regional offices approve requests (which waive most of the SFSP Federal regulations).

Schools are reimbursed at NSLP/SBP free rates and follow most NSLP rules for meal service.

Sites may be schools or non-school settings (but not residential camps). Migrant sites are also allowed.

- Sites must be open to community in needy areas (where 50% of more of the children are eligible for free/reduced price school meals.
- Open sites can be restricted later if necessary for security, safety, or control.
- Sites may also be in non-needy areas if 50% of the children enrolled at these sites are eligible for free/reduced price school meals.

Up to two meals per day (three for migrant sites) at these rates may be served to kids, 18 and under.

School districts claim the meals through NSLP/SBP reimbursement procedures. Meals served at approved waiver sites are reported to State agency and FNS.

Compared to SFSP rules, monitoring waiver sites is less burdensome for both school districts and State agencies. School districts must visit each site once a year within 3 weeks of starting; State agencies use NSLP monitoring rules.